Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bill Harlan is a highly respected South Dakota journalist with a reputation for accurate and thorough reporting on complicated issues; and,

Whereas, Bill shared his sharp wit and lively writing style with *Rapid City Journal* readers for a quarter of a century and he created an award-winning political blog, which inspires political comments that are intelligent and witty, as well as some that are not; and,

Whereas, Bill knows more about neutrinos, their role in the universe, and proper placement in a news story than any reporter this side of the former planet Pluto; and,

Whereas, Bill earnestly proclaims, on the rare occasion of a reporting error, that "dark matter made me do it," and actually knows what dark matter is; and,

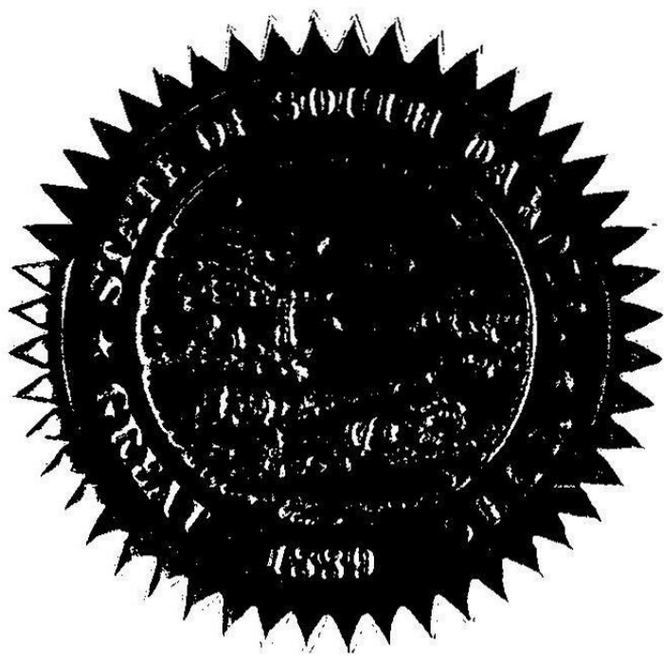
Whereas, Bill once worked in the Homestake Gold Mine at dark depths where miners could get lost but neutrinos couldn't hide; and,

Whereas, Bill believes with all of his heart and several other organs that "a mine is a terrible thing to waste" and will prove it by joining the staff of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority and the Sanford Laboratory at Homestake to help reporters and the public understand its profound value and purpose:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2008, as

BILL HARLAN DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State